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[HOUSE BILL, No. 10.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—January 27, 1863.—Read first and second times, referred to Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. MILES.]

A BILL

To be entitled An Act to provide for the arrest of soldiers absent from their commands without leave, and providing compensation to their captors.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall be
3 the duty of every commander of a company in the armies of the
4 Confederate States, so soon as he knows that any private or non-
5 commissioned officer of his company is absent without leave, to
6 send up a certificate of the fact to the commander of his brigade,
7 who shall forthwith employ such responsible person or persons
8 as he may think proper, to arrest and bring back to his command
9 such absent private or non-commissioned officer.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever the delinquent
2 absentee, together with the certificate above mentioned of his
3 company commander, to the fact of his absence without leave,

4 shall be delivered to the commanding officer of a military post or
5 camp, such commanding officer shall give a receipt for the
6 delivery of such absentee to the person or persons so delivering
7 him.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That upon the presentation of
2 the receipt above mentioned to the quartermaster of the post or
3 camp, it shall be the duty of the said quartermaster to pay to
4 the person or persons presenting such receipt the sum of fifteen
5 dollars, for which this law shall be his warrant and authority.

1 SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the
2 commanding officer of the post or camp who receives the private
3 or non-commissioned officer so delivered, to send as speedily as
4 practicable such private or non-commissioned officer back to the
5 commanding officer of the company to which he belongs, together
6 with a copy of the receipt which he has given to the person or
7 persons delivering him.

1 SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the
2 commanding officer of the company to which the returned private
3 or non-commissioned officer belongs, upon the delivery of the
4 man and the copy of the receipt above mentioned, to enter on
5 the muster and pay rolls of the company, opposite the name of
6 such returned private or non-commissioned officer, the full sum
7 of fifteen dollars, in order that the said sum may be deducted.

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